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*Response to Amendment*

1. The reply filed on June 22, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment places improper status identifiers with regard to the claims. For example, claims 1-6 were listed as 'canceled', in the amendment filed 9/23/2003, but are listed as 'withdrawn' in the instant amendment. Additionally, no claim follows the "withdrawn" status identifier. It is unclear if applicants wish to reenter previously canceled claims or if the status identifier is the result of an inadvertent error. Further, it should be noted that listing a claim as 'withdrawn' without reciting the text of the withdrawn claim does not conform to current USPTO amendment practice. Additional inconsistencies were found, for example, claims 11-13 are listed as 'withdrawn' but were listed as 'canceled' in the 9/23/2003 amendment. Applicant is requested to correctly identify all claims in response to this notice. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Jehanne Sitton whose telephone number is (571) 272-0752. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on alternate Fridays.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion, can be reached on (571) 272-0782. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

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